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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: STRUCTURES AND METHODS FOR  
INTERGRATION OF ULTRALOW-K  
DIELECTRICS WITH IMPROVED  
RELIABILITY

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Examiner: A. O. Williams

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.